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To the Big Cypress national Preserve and the ORVAC committee I cannot support impenlenting the Turner Unit plans as has been presented so far. I can and do strongly support the NPS and the ORVAC committee if they include the recommendations presented to the NPS and the ORVAC committee by the Big Cypress Sportsman's Alliance. There would still need work to be done but this gives us a legitimate starting point from which we can continue to evolve as indicated in the ROD. Thank You Eric Kimmel 12685 SW 200 ST Miami FL 33177 email looprd@aol.com -----
Original Message-----; Sent: Mon, Oct 25, 2010 7:57 pm Subject: Independent Turner River ORV Trail System October 25 2010 Ref: Independent Turner River ORV Trail System All: Lyle M and Bill Clark had a meeting with Superintendent Ramos and Bob DeGross at 3:00 PM today Monday October 25. We felt it appropriate to give Pedro a heads up on our plans to present at the ORV Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow an Independent ORV trail plan for the Turner River unit of the Preserve. We reviewed this plan with Pedro in the meeting. Attached is our Independent ORV trail map developed by the Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance for a Primary and Secondary ORV trail system for the Turner River unit. We consider it necessary to create this independent ORV trail system for the following reasons. 1. Thru a public process the public requested 349 miles of ORV trails in the Turner River unit of the Preserve. A two year process by the ORV Advisory committee reduced these 349 miles of trails down to only 110 miles. The 110 miles of trails recommended to the Park Service by the ORV Committee has been reduced by the Park Service to only 55 miles. 2. Prior to the August 2010 ORV Advisory Committee meeting we requested that the Park Service present at that meeting evidence that these trails were eliminated from 110 to 55 miles with science based cause. To date this evidence has not been produced. 3. The Park Service stated in the beginning of the ORV Advisory Committee process that an individual file would be created by the Park Service for each individual trail requested by the public so as to inform that individual why their trail was eliminated. A request was made prior to the August ORV Committee meeting for the Park Service to verify at this meeting that these files exist. To date this evidence has not been produced. 4. The ORV trail system established in the Turner River unit will set the stage for a similar overly restrictive ORV trail system in the remainder of the Preserve and Addition Lands. The independent trail map we are developing for the Turner River unit fits within the guidelines set forth in the Park Service management Plan. 139 miles of Primary Dedicated ORV trails are allowed in the Plan which are

shown in Green on our Independent map. The Black trails are the Secondary ORV trails offered at this point by the Park Service. The White ORV trails are the additional trails we are requesting to provide reasonable ORV access to the Preserve. The 139 miles of Primary ORV trails is the only trail mileage set in stone. There is no limit on total miles of Secondary trails nor any limit on the number of individual Secondary trails. It states in the Plan that a Secondary trail can extend a short distance off the Primary trail. It has been discussed in several ORV Committee meetings that a short distance would be more or less one and one half miles. If this Secondary trail formula had been followed by the Park Service and the ORV Advisory Committee, the majority of the 349 miles of trails requested by the public could have and should have been implemented. One of the conditions of our Independent Turner River unit plan will be that the ORV trails implemented in the remainder of the Preserve and Addition Lands will follow the same general trail mile per acre formula as our Independent Turner River trail system. We have created this Turner River trail map off Google Earth. We have discussed with several individual having specific knowledge of particular areas of Turner River. We have developed a map we feel is fair and reasonable and have full confidence that the vast majority of the trails we are showing are sustainable according to the sustainable formula we followed in the Bear Island unit. We currently have the full support of the following: 1. Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance 2. SCI [Safari Club International] Miami Chapter 3. Collier Commissioner Jim Coletta 4. State Representative Matt Hudson